

ANARCHA-FEMINISM

ANARCHA-FEMINISM, WHAT THE FUCK! Here are some short, sweet and to the point observations, opinions, basic stuff that we think should be thought about and discussed. There's a lot more we'd like to go into such as feminism and class war, sexism and sexuality and ecofeminism, but we feel it all can't be said at once, and in future articles there will be more time and space for extensive discussions. Still, everything here is significant (even though we joke around a little) and is directly related to anarchism, feminism and freedom. Interconnectedness is key when it comes to struggles of all kind, and we're all in this together.

MAINSTREAM FEMINISM

Liberal feminists who form little organizations, hold fund-raising tea parties with major organizations & write boring books/articles with ten foot long words only want to make the system a little more comfortable for the babes who had enough time to get their PhD from Fuck Me university. They usually feel kind of guilty about the state of their "lesser off sisters" and dedicate their lives to being condescending to them. Liberal feminism hurts wimmin as much as all the other shit, maybe even more. Why succumb to a system that oppresses you? "Equal work/Equal pay"? Shut the fuck up!

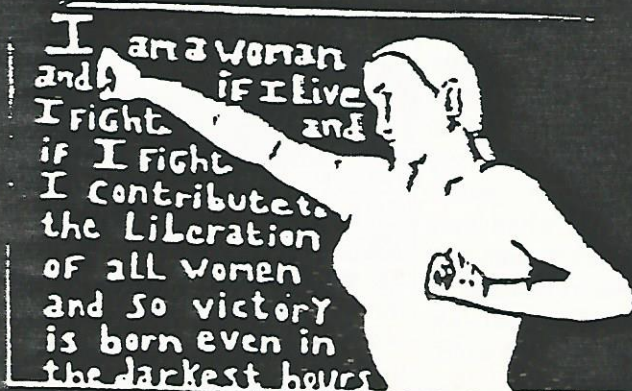
SEPERATISM?

We're all victims of extreme societal conditioning, even when it comes to what we hate: racism, homophobia & sexism. Part of being an anarchist is dealing with all that crazy shit on a daily basis; we can't deny that it's there. For wimmin it's both fun and necessary to be together without the "male presence". Wimmin's only discussions are an important aspect of woman power & empowerment. Although men can sympathise with the bullshit wimmin have to put up with in life, in the anarchist movement and just walking down the fucking street, they can never truly experience or understand it, so it is important that we be with other wimmin that can. Wimmin's only meetings are a CHOICE, not a barrier (as some men have called it) Our male friends must recognize and respect that without spite or resentment.



SEXISM IN ANARCHYLAND

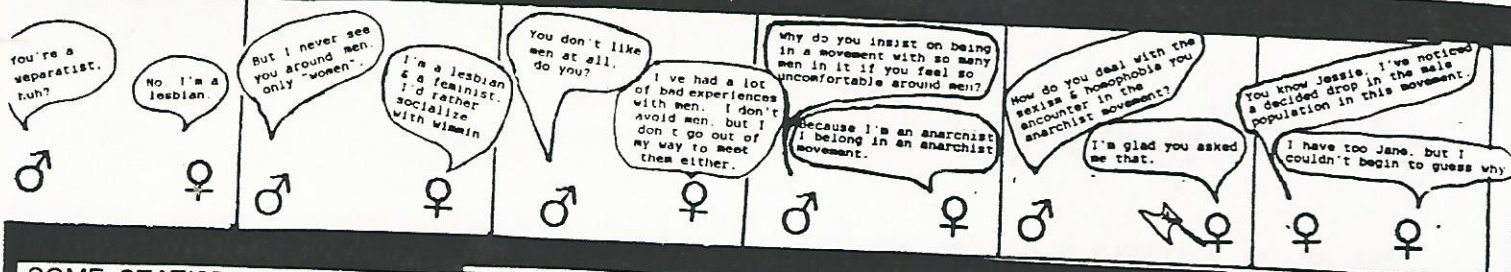
Even in our "alternative scene" sexism still persists. Men having a lack of understanding for wimmin's only discussions, wimmin dressing up like punk rock Barbie Dolls and going to @ meetings (namely the now defunct NYDAC) for the sole purpose of "picking up" men and vice-versa, wimmin being constantly interrupted at @ meetings... the list goes on. In order to truly overcome sexism we have to realize that it exists within ourselves. We can't do away with all our conditioning by listening to one CRASS record even if it is on colored vinyl (ha ha).



HEY, YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY or SOME BACKGROUND ON PATRIARCHY IN AMERICA

The foundations of America are based upon genocide of tribal nations, slavery, exploitation and the violent subjugation of wimmin. At the early Jamestown settlement in what is now Virginia, there were initially no wimmin. The men, lustfully seeking a fine maid, were eventually able to buy a wife at

specially designed auctions. The wimmin, sold at "x" tons of tobacco a head, were mostly poor and homeless, seeking any opportunity to escape England. As the colonies became more developed the laws of slavery & patriarchal nuclear families created the opportunity of white male governed capitalism to dominate the country. Between 1820-1860 America's industrialization path solidified patriarchy and capitalism's control on society, making life near impossible for most wimmin to live without a man.



SOME STATISTICS ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

- 6 million wimmin are beaten every year; of these wimmin 2,000-4,000 are beaten to death
- Battering is the single major cause of injury to wimmin
- Every 15 seconds a woman is battered
- 40% of wimmin imprisoned for murder or man-slaughter have killed men who perpetually battered them
- 1 out of 5 wimmin seen in emergency rooms of hospitals obtained their injuries in battering situations
- 40% of all wimmin killed in the U.S. are killed by their lovers
- 1 out of 3 wimmin will be raped in her life time
- By age 18, 25% of wimmin will have experienced sexual abuse



ABORTION or GET YOUR FUCKING RELIGION AWAY FROM MY FUCKING BODY

Abortion is our right. We must fight against religious zealots who try to keep wimmin as baby making machines in the name of God. From 1969 to 1972 a Boston based wimmin's health collective called JANE illegally performed 11,000 safe, inexpensive abortions at a time when, unless you were rich, a good abortionist was hard to find. Wimmin can educate themselves on safe, alternative methods of abortion should the day come again when abortion is illegal. I think it is appropriate to extend a big "HA HA!" to Operation Rescue who recently got their god-loving/god-fearing asses sued off. Sorry, suckers.

EXOTISISM

It's really sickening to see people use others in order to demonstrate their earth-shattering political correctness. This happens very often to minority wimmin, who's integrity gets shot to hell when they find themselves a mascot to pain and suffering, often to the advantage of people who know nothing about real life. Exotism in any form is elitist in the sleeziest way.

BRUTHAS AND SISTAS! or THAT'S NOT A FIRE-HYDRANT HE'S MY BROTHER

So we want to smash sexism? Well, too bad we can't just disembowel all men and make it a whole lot easier but unfortunately we need them for reproductive reasons. But, hey, egalitarianism is o.k. and it will take both sexes to eventually do away with sexism through understanding and communication.



It's very important that we communicate with other anarcha-feminists through out the world. It's sad to see so little participation from womyn in this "movement". Please write and tell us your opinions on this article or anything else. Let us know that you're out there!